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My dear Mr Childes:

I would gladly oblige you by looking up the information you require, or by referring to some one from whom you would be likely to get it—but I can do neither. I have no definite knowledge concerning the knights of the golden circle. The mischiefs wrought by them in Ind: & Ill. during the late war, I heard and read of at the time, but here my knowledge ends. The man of men to whom I should apply, in your place, would be Governor Morton of Ind. He had most to do with them—and did most to arrest and defeat their machinations. I am just now much on the stump—and cannot ~~devote~~ devote time to correspondence.

Respectfully yours

Fred'k Douglass